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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Nov-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 11/26/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/19/05
Broiler/fryer	127,235	166,912
Light hens	815	1,463
Heavy hens	904	1,457

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 19-Nov-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	244	3	247
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	165	0	165
Same week yr ago	249	8	257
To-date/2005	11,949	63	12,012
To-date/2004	11,217	136	11,353

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,671	1,447	3,118
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,461	1,427	2,888
Same week yr ago	1,629	1,509	3,138
To-date/2005	78,211	65,499	143,710
To-date/2004	74,386	63,106	137,492

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 19-NOVEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,621	1,427	1,444	2,871
Avg Wt	5.46	3.37	8.45	5.93
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,999	1,296	1,427	2,723
Same wk yr ago	156,060	1,380	1,501	2,881
Avg Wt	5.28	3.42	8.01	5.81
To-date/2005	7,432,403	66,262	65,436	131,698
To-date/2004	7,230,431	63,169	62,970	126,139

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 165.6 million head or 7.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-Nov-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	25,144	18,722	53,813
Avg Weight	3.76	4.76	6.62
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%
Last week	25,072	18,919	53,677
Avg Weight	3.85	4.79	6.46
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,919	20,132	44,675
Avg Weight	3.77	4.71	6.46
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%
To date/2005	1,215,897	974,441	2,273,257
To date/2004	1,172,418	961,843	2,077,709

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-Nov-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,142	2,862	26	7	5,037
Avg Wt	16.23	35.89	26.52	36.79	27.48
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,847	2,677	20	0	5,544
Same wk yr ago	1,840	2,803	32	1	4,676
Avg Wt	15.80	35.98	24.37	29.87	27.96
To-date/2005	85,031	119,812	1,144	202	206,189
To-date/2004	81,098	118,848	2,396	314	202,656

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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